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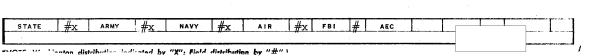
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Inc	centives	
a.	Quarters	
	Reenlistees lived in separate areas away from the troops and had their own rooms.  To live in the officer's dormitory but there was a shortage of space. Reenlistees with line units were required to live with the regular conscript troops; however, they also had separate rooms. In the USSR, reenlistees received separate quarters for themselves if single and family quarters if married.  In the USSR they were permitted to wear civilian attire after duty hours while other EM were not	25X1
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b.	Pay	
	Reenlistees were much better paid than other EM.	25X1
	reenlistee first sergeant of a rifle company received approximately 600 rubles credited to his account and a like sum of shillings which was given him over the pay table in Austria.  the first sergeant reenlistee who was in charge of the Secret Section received about 800 rubles credited to his account in the USSR and an equivalent amount of shillings which he received in Austria.  the pay of reenlistees and specialists of the rear services  was about 1,000 rubles. Pay of all reenlistees was based on type of duty held and years of service.  rank among reenlistees did not play a role in pay determination.	25X1 25X1 25X1 25X1 25X1 25X1
c.	Clothing	
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	Reenlistees received the same issue of clothing as conscript EM with one exception: they received a dress uniform (blouse and breeches) which all EM were supposed to get but did not. They could keep all their clothing upon demobilization.	
i.	Recreation	
	In the USSR they had the privilege of going to officer clubs.	25X1
	They were permitted to purchase intoxicating beverages at the club.	25X1
∍.	Other	
	(1) They were given 45 days of leave, plus a maximum of 15 days travel time annually.	
	(2) They were permitted to leave the caserne after duty hours.	
	(3) They could eat in the officers' mess provided they paid an extra charge, the same as the officers did. (They were not authorized officer's rations.)	

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(4) They were permitted to marry Soviet EW or Soviet civilians working in the Soviet Zone of Austria. If they married in Austria, they were given one-room quarters in the officers' dormitory.

#### 5. Discipline

Reenlistees could be demobilized for misconduct on order of the regimental or division commander. They could not be given strict arrest (strogly arest i.e., being placed in the guardhouse and given hot meals one day, and receiving only bread, sugar and tea the other). They were not subject to work details. They could be reprimanded before a formation of other reenlistees. Simple-arrest (prostoy arest i.e., time in the guardhouse with all regular meals) could be given a "sverkhsrochnik".

### 6. <u>Insignia</u>

Chevron

Reenlistees were the shoulderboards of the unit to which they were assigned. Rank designation was the same as that for other EM of regular Soviet units. The only distinguishing feature was a chevron worn on the left sleeve half-way between the shoulder and elbow as follows:

Color

There were other service chevrons for reenlistees

	Yellow(narrow)	Zero to two years extended service	
Red	Yellow (wide)	Three to five years extended service	
Yellow	Yellow (wide) Red (narrow)	Over five years extended service	
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Remarks

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#### 7. Additional Information

First sergeants of line units who were not reenlistees did not share the rights and privileges of reenlistees. These first sergeants were draftees. The only privilege they had was that they received a room in the barracks separate from the other draftees. They could administer two days of simple arrest to EM below the grade of sergeant, or give EM four details at one time. They could give sergeants a maximum of two details as punishment (a detail was usually completed in one day). 2.

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